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Subject: Microsoft Settlement is bad for competition in marketplace

To USDOJ,

I sincerely feel that the proposed settlement with Microsoft is not good for long term competition in the software marketplace as it

- a) does not effectively address past anti-competitive behavior in its proposed form, essentially allowing it to continue
- b) additionally promotes Microsoft market expansion in segments that currently have effective competition i.e. the education segment
essentially further promoting Microsoft dominance in the marketplace.

Any remedy for criminal behavior needs also to address return of the profits due to criminal activity.

While it will be difficult to calculate this amount accurately, OS monopoly leverages all of Microsofts profits so a substantial fraction of current Microsoft cash reserves e.g. 10-20 billion should not be considered excessive.

Taxes levied on cigarettes are used to promote anti-smoking advertisements.

Similarly this money should go to directly strengthen market influence of competitive forces via such means as

- a) Informational advertisement about the negative effects of Microsoft's monopolistic behavior
- b) Strong support of Open Source efforts by direct grants to such projects as
 - a. The worldwide Linux community
 - b. The Apache foundation
 - c. Project JXTA
 - d. The Wine project
- c) Promotion of alternative Office suites such as Hancom Office and Star Office
- d) Grants to overseas organizations that promote the use of computers in education, specifically to enable the use of Linux in schools, colleges and universities in the Third World.

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